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SUBJ: DUAL ACCREDITATION REFUSED

1. SABUMEI, FIRST ASST. SECTY, DFRT, TOLD ME SEPTEMBER 16 GPNG HAD DECIDED TO ADOPT POLICY OF ACCREDITING MILITARY ATTACHES ONLY IF THEY WERE RESIDENT IN PORT MORESBY. SAID UK HAD RECENTLY REQUESTED ACCREDITATION OF BRITISH MILATT IN CANBERRA, BUT GPNG HAD INFORMED UK THAT ONLY RESIDENT MILITARY ATTACHES WOULD BE ACCREDITED HERE.

2. DECISION REFLECTS OBVIOUS GPNG WISH TO REDUCE ITS TIES WITH CANBERRA BUT WITHOUT UNNECESSARILY OFFENDING THE AUSTRALIANS. THIS DECISION ALSO SERVES TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF INTELLIGENCE GATHERING THAT WILL TAKE PLACE IN PNG, AS NOT ALL COUNTRIES WILL WANT TO HAVE RESIDENT ATTACHES HERE.

3. OUR DISCUSSIONS OF SOME MONTHS AGO WITH NEW ZEALANDERS AND INDONESIA INDICATED THAT NEW ZEALAND AND INDONESIA EXPECTED TO HAVE RESIDENT MILATTS, NOT IMMEDIATELY AFTER INDEPENDENCE BUT SOMEWHAT LATER. WE ASSUME AUSTRALIA WILL HAVE SOME MILITARY REPRESENTATION HERE BUT UK, JAPAN, AND PHILIPPINES, PROBABLY NOT.

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4. COL. ROGER NUNEMAKER, U.S. DEFENSE ATTACHE, ACCREDITED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA, ARRIVES IN PORT MORESBY TODAY FOR A WEEK'S VISIT. HE HAD WANTED TO VISIT PNG THE LAST WEEK IN AUGUST BUT WE PREVAILED UPON HIM TO DEFER THE TRIP BECAUSE OF THE EXTREME PREOCCUPATION OF THE GPNG AND THE DEFENSE FORCE WITH MATTERS RELATING TO INDEPENDENCE. WE WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HIS PRESENCE TO DISCUSS THE PROS AND CONS OF A RESIDENT U.S. MILATT HERE. HIS PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND WILL BE MOST USEFUL IN THIS REGARD.
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